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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH UNGA: USSR AND BLOC POSITIONS

1. IN NOV 25 EVENING MEETING WITH JAPANESE AND KHMER, MINISTER OHTAKA ON BEHALF OF PERMREP SAITO URGED THAT WE RE-EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF PRESSING USSR FOR ASSISTANCE ON VOTE FOR PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY KHMER RESOLUTION. AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF ANY DISCUSSION OURSIDE OF NEW YORK WE MAY HAVE HAD WITH USSR ON SUBJECT OF KHMER IN UNGA. SAITO ASKED THAT US CONSIDER WHAT IT MIGHT NOW DO VIS-A-VIS USSR IN PARTICULAR SINCE WE HAVE HAD INDICATIONS DURING DAY OF SLIPPAGE IN SUPPORT FOR PRIORITY AND WE NOW FACE INCREASED RISK, IN VOTE EXPECTED WEDNESDAY, OF PLENARY REJECTION OF OUR MOTION FOR PRIORITY.

2. IF DEPT IS ABLE TO GIVE US ANY GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE MAY TELL JAPANESE, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO DO SO NOW, IN MEANWHILE, WE ARE CONTINUING TO AVOID INsofar AS POSSIBLE ANY COMMENT ON ALLIES ON POSSIBLE EARLIER TALKS WITH SOVIETS ON THIS QUESTION.

3. JAPANESE, QUITE CONSCIOUS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW AFTER RESOLUTION DRAFTED, HAVE REPEATEDLY ASKED US FOR REPORT
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ON THAT MEETING AND, MORE RECENTLY, FOR REPORT ON ANY DISCUSSION

OF KHMER PRESIDENT FORD AND SECSTATE MAY HAVE IN VLADIVOSTOCK.

4. IF WE LOSE VOTE ON PRIORITY, JAPANESE
DISTRUST OF AMERICAN-SOVIET CONTACTS MAY BE
INTENSIFIED, ASSUMING, AS JAPANESE WILL, THAT SUPERPOWER CONCERNS
LEAVE NO TIME FOR US TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON SUCH ISSUE AS KHMER
WHERE JAPANESE THEMSELVES ARE EXERTING FULL EFFORTS, INCLUDING
DIRECT APPROACHES TO SOVIETS IN MOSCOW AND IN NEW YORK.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS TO SECRETARY.
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